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SUBJECT : SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY SIMON VISIT

REF: (A) STATE 040434, (B) ABU DHABI 146

1. BOTH FOREIGN MINISTER AHMED SUWAIDI AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE HABROUSH (WHO CONTROLS MONEY) ARE CURRENTLY OUT OF COUNTRY. IN ABSENCE THESE TWO KEY FIGURES, DEFINITIVE DISCUSSIONS RE SECRETARY SIMON'S SCHEDULE IN UAE NOT PRACTICABLE. AS SOON AS THEY RETURN WE WILL PURSUE MATTER (ALREADY DISCUSSED IN GENERAL REF B) FURTHER AND ADVISE DETAILS WHEN KNOWN.

2. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, HOWEVER, BELIEVE FOLLOWING ROUGH OUTLINE OF PROGRAM WILL HOLD UP:

(A) MORNING OF MARCH 4 WILL BE DEVOTED TO ONE OR TWO IN DEPTH MEETINGS WITH KEY FIGURES IN GOVERNMENT. NUMBER OF SESSIONS AND EXACT COMPOSITION ON UAEG SIDE WILL DEPEND IN LARGE CJRT ON THEIR WISHES, BUT GIVEN OVERLAPPING AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE WHO COUNT AROUND HERE, ONE POSSIBILITY WE WILL DISCUSS WITH SUWAIDI AND HABROUSH WILL BE TO HAVE ONE LONG SESSION IN MORNING WITH KEY MINISTERS AND ADVISORS.

(B) AT SOME POINT DURING MORNING--PROBABLY LATER, BUT WITH EXACT TIMING LIKELY REMAIN INDEFINITE UNTIL JUST BEFORE DATE

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OF VISIT--AUDIENCE WITH H.H. SHAIKH ZAYED.

(C) AT APPROXIMATELY 1:30-2:00, LUNCHEON IN SECRETARY'S HONOR HOSTED BY UAEG. ALL MEMBERS OF SECRETARY'S PARTY, INCLUDING WIVES, WILL BE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

(D) AFTER LUNCH, REST PERIOD.

(E) APPROXIMATELY 5:30 P.M. WE BELIEVE IT BE USEFUL IF SECRETARY SIMON WOULD AGREE TO MEET WITH PRESS AT HOTEL TO REVIEW PURPOSE/ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF VISIT.

(F) ON CONCLUSION OF PRESS CONFERENCE PROCEED TO AIRPORT FOR DEPARTURE APPROXIMATELY 7:00 P.M.

3. AS STATED ABOVE, EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE CONFIRMATION THIS PROGRAM AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS SOON AS KNOWN. WE MUST NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT DETAILED ADVANCED PLANNING IS NOT NORM AROUND HERE AND AS RESULT ASPECTS OF PROGRAM ARE LIKELY REMAIN "FLEXIBLE" UP TO LAST MINUTE.

4. RE MORNING MEETINGS, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AS TO WHICH MEMBERS OF SECRETARY'S PARTY WILL BE PARTICIPATING. WE BELIEVE THAT, IF MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE IS TO TAKE PLACE, DURING MAIN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION(S) US SIDE SHOULD BE RELATIVELY SMALL--I.E. MAXIMUM OF EIGHT INCLUDING AMBASSADOR AND DCM (AS NOTETAKER). SUBSEQUENT AUDIENCE WITH SHAIKH ZAYED MIGHT SEE US CONTINGENT INCREASED IF THIS DEEMED NECESSARY. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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